



# February 2023

## 2023 OFFICERS

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Rich Holten

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Sheldon Coleman

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Jeff Drowley

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Guy Reisenauer

Dave Myers

Newsletter Editor:

Kyle Kneese

Past President:

Jim Loomis

## MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of  
every month except  
Mar, Jul, and Aug

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$24

7:15pm - Program - free

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35/yr Indiv & Family

\$50/yr Business

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Rich Holten:

509 521-4291 or

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## [CBFC CLUB WEBSITE](#)

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**CLUB PURPOSE:** Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 14, 2023, at CG Public House & Catering in Kennewick. Starts 6pm.

## PROGRAM:

### February Speaker – Dave Ames

Dave Ames is a fly-fishing author with nearly forty years of experience as a Montana fishing guide. An inveterate traveler, he's fished from Argentina to Alaska for everything from trout and steelhead to peacock bass and golden dorado, and even taught classes to Mayan Indians on how to be better bone-fishing guides.

Ames has written for many magazines and newspapers, including the Big Sky Journal, the LA Times, and Fly Fisherman. He is the award-winning author of books including "True Love and the Woolly Buzzer" and "A Good Life Wasted, or Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide." He considers himself fortunate to have spent the better part of his life dirt-bagging the rivers, swamps and seas of the world, and will do a presentation based around his latest book: Trout Town.



## Upcoming Fishing Events

**March 4 CBFC Annual Banquet**

**April 26-30 Sun Lakes Outing**

# President's Message

by Ray Williams

We fly fishermen are somewhat unique in that we define the sport by how we catch fish, not by how many we take home. The sport requires more than just knowing where the fish are, but knowing what fly to use and, moreover, how to present it. The number of fly fishermen in the sport is on the decline. The sports shops in the area may not even sell fly fishing gear. Even Cabela's may have a limited selection of gear. Cabela's Lacey store has twice the fly fishing gear as the Yakima Store. Our club is trying to reverse the trend. It's in our Mission Statement. Our link to the outside is the Sportsmen Show. There, we expose visitors to the sport's uniqueness. We demo fly tying and we present the "how to" in our Fly Tying Theater. Bruce Hewitt headed up this year's effort.

We don't stop there. We encourage the general public to take our Fly Casting intro course and we allow them to sign up for Fly Tying and Rod building classes. We have been successful in getting people into the sport.

As time passes, our access to fishing areas is being threatened. Knowing this, the club has been looking for ways to reverse the trend. The club, and some of the members, have made donations to organizations like Trout Unlimited and Western Rivers Conservancy. In 2015, the club formed the "Columbia Basin Fly Caster Conservation Committee". We are planning a work party this February. Dennis Dauble spoke to the plan at the last meeting. We have also

supported a program called "Casting for Recovery". They use the sport as a tool to help the cancer recovery process. We have also sponsored the registration fee for the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp, boy or girl. The fly tying "Tie-a-Thon" is our newest effort headed by Dave Myers.

Note: Don't forget to send me your Smashed Hackle Award nomination to me by February 24<sup>th</sup>. We present this award at the March Banquet. Email them to me with your "tall tale" story: [maxrwilliams@aol.com](mailto:maxrwilliams@aol.com)

## Annual Financial Summary

By Sheldon Coleman

2022 was more of a normal year of operation for the club. We were able to receive income from the Salmon Booth, Banquet fly raffle and auction, and club memberships. We were also able to have monthly meetings with income from the meeting raffles. Meeting speakers were on Zoom with one speaker in person. We also had club outings to Sun Lakes, Anthony Lakes, and the Lochsa River. Operating costs included: Speaker Zoom fees, publication of the newsletter, administrative costs, Outings/Picnic, and Web/Zoom operation fees. Donations to service and conservation organizations were reduced to a single donation to the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council for basin restoration work. Actions taken by the Board reduced expenditures and income exceeded expenditures for the year.

# Large Item Donation to Columbia Basin Fly Casters

By Craig Anderson

Many of you are aware that we are looking for ways to increase revenue coming to the Casters in lieu of increasing dues or being forced to cut services. We do not have an immediate emergency, but nevertheless we need to improve our financial position for the long run. One method that the Richland Rod and Club has used is to accept large items for resale by their club including boats and vehicles. If you have a large item that you wish to donate, contact one of the Board members. As a non-for-profit 501(c)(3), we can take that donation and you may be able to claim it on your Federal Income Tax, and we can resell the item to benefit the Casters. Its value can be the sales price of the item. So if you have a usable boat, outboard motor, emergency generator or other large item that is just gathering dust or taking up space, consider a donation to the Casters.

## Annual Banquet Update

By Craig Anderson

There are some changes occurring in our Annual Banquet plans. The Annual Banquet will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Meadow Springs Country Club. Our planned speaker, Jason Neuswanger, had to bow out as he is getting some serious hip surgery just before our Banquet and is unsure of his mobility. Our speaker will be Rick Hafele, who most

of us know from his writings and work in the entomology field; his topic will be Seasons of Fly Fishing, a presentation targeted at both anglers and their spouses. Rick is working on a clinic for us in the afternoon at 1:00. Evening activities will start at 5:00 with raffles and auctions. Tickets are \$50 and are available at Sportsman's Warehouse, and if that isn't convenient, text or call Craig Anderson at (509) 378-7849 to make arrangements to pick them up. Dinner will be a Western Barbeque.

**Donations are needed for the Silent Auction.** Slightly used or new items are welcome, such as rods, reels, tackle, nets, or craftwork. Wine or food baskets are items that move well. Again, call or text Craig with items you plan to add to the Silent Auction.

**Fly Raffle Donors.** Craig will be calling those that have tied a box (not loose) of flies for the fly raffle to donate again, but if you haven't tied for the raffle previously, let Craig know of your intent to donate a box. The Fly Raffle and the Silent Auction generally pay for the speaker and his/her travel expenses.

## February 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

The January CBFC Board meeting was held at 7 PM as a Zoom multiparty connection per an agenda provided via email by President Williams

Board members connected to the web site: Ray Williams, Jim Loomis, Rich Holten, Craig Anderson, Sheldon Coleman, Guy Reisenauer, Dave Myers, Kyle Kneese, and Elver Robbins.

Secretary's Report – In the absence of the Secretary, President Ray Williams requested the minutes be approved as reviewed, corrected and submitted. With no objections, the December Board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sheldon Coleman submitted the January Profit and Loss Report which was approved by the Board.

Membership Report - To date, we have received 21 new memberships, plus an additional 14 that have been processed by the treasurer.

Programs Report - Craig Anderson reported on his efforts for future programs including the following:

- February's meeting will have Dave Ames presenting.
- March's Annual Banquet will have Rick Hafele as the guest speaker.
- The 2023 CBFC Banquet is scheduled for March 4, 2024 at the Meadow Springs Country Club. The banquet will cost \$50 per person.

Conservation Report – The new 2023 Budget reflects a donation of \$200 to the Ringold river access improvement project.

Newsletter Editors Report - Input dates and other issues – Editor Kyle Kneese noted that input for the February 2023 newsletter is needed by **noon** February 4, 2023.

### Old Business

The Sportsmen Show - Preparations were discussed. Bruce Hewitt has picked up the tables and supplies for the event. The Club's class sign-up sheets and class detail posters are being prepared by Rich Holten. A thanks to Bruce for organizing setup and staffing.

March Banquet - The 2023 CBFC Banquet is scheduled for Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Meadow Springs Country Club. Rick Hafele as the guest speaker. The banquet will cost \$50 per person. Dinner will be a Western Barbeque featuring Tri-Tip Beef and BBQ Chicken. Tickets are available now at Sportsman's Warehouse. Donations for the silent action are requested and so are donations for the fly raffle.

Hatchery Work Party – Detail will be presented at the February Club meeting. The Club will be donating \$200 for the new signs to show the new path to the river.

Revenue Replacement – Committee recommendations were submitted by Reed Kaldor. Those recommendations highlighted by the committee for action were discussed as New Business.

Storage Shed – The storage shed is at City View Storage in Richland. Keys have been given to Ray Williams, Jim Loomis and there is an extra for event planners.

## New Business

Annual Budget – Treasure Sheldon Coleman presented the budget line items that make our money out lay for 2023. Each item was discussed and amended to reflect discussion. The Board approved the proposed budget as amended.

Activities for Spring and Summer - April will be fishing at Sun Lakes; August fishing will be at Anthony Lakes, OR; September will be at Locsha River, ID. There will be plans for fishing at Leech Lake in June.

Revenue Replacement Discussion – The committee recommendations for action were reviewed. Each key recommendation was discussed for possible action to take.

- Garage Sale - Dave Myers reported that the Richland Rod and Gun Club does a sale each year. They use Facebook to get the word out. The newsletter will be asking members for ideas and support.
- Pike Minnow Derby Fish-in – Dave Myers reported that the Richland Rod and Gun Club is planning to fish for dollars on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He will ask the FWLD rep to speak at a CBFC meeting if we get our members to commit.
- Members will to be able to donate to organizations through our Club. We will give instructions in a future newsletter.
- Reduce Paid Presenters - Craig Anderson will use Zoom speakers to reduce cost and look for speakers that have low or no fees.
- Have Community Work for Pay – The Club will look for paying opportunities to raise money for Club projects.

- For Sale – Members provide items that have resale value and donate them to the Club to sale for fund raising

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Next Meetings:*

- The next General meeting is February 14, 2023
- The next Board meeting is February 28, 2023



**KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE  
CBFC MEMBERS?**

Please forward a copy of this newsletter to them, and bring them to the next meeting.

Tight lines and BIG fish.

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[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington

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[Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules](#)

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**FISHING INFORMATION**

[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

[Oregon Fishing Resources and Information](#)

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[Columbia Basin Bulletin's](#) Significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

[River and stream data](#) USGS current and historical data for Washington State.

**CONSERVATION**

[Coastal Conservation Association's](#) purpose is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. CCA's objective is to conserve, promote, and enhance present and future availability of coastal resources.

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

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[Western Rivers Conservancy](#)

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Columbia Basin Fly Casters**

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Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) of Family Member(s) or Business

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ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

Please **make checks payable to CBFC**

Family Membership (\$35)

Business Membership (\$50) Includes business-card size, fishing-related advert in newsletters. Send artwork as xxx.jpg digital file to editor

Who can we thank for referring you to our Club?

\_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Treasurer:

\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Database updated: \_\_\_\_\_